

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>A great book should leave you with many experiences and slightly exhausted at the end. You should live several lives while reading it.</i></p> <p>William Styron</p>		<p>Safe Toys and Gifts Month Universal Human Rights Month</p>		<p>1 Place a thermometer outside. Record the temperature daily. Create a graph showing December temps.</p>	<p>2 Read The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle, a Sherlock Holmes Christmas story</p>	<p>3 Make a Danish woven basket as a gift for your school librarian.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Make a snowglobe to decorate your room.</p>	<p>5 How many words can you make from "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"? There are at least 90.</p>	<p>6 St. Nicholas Day</p> <p>Who was St. Nicholas? Can you find a book about him in your school library?</p>	<p>7 Pearl Harbor Day</p> <p>Find a book in your school library about Pearl Harbor and why it's important.</p>	<p>8 1st Christmas card produced, 1843. Make a Christmas card about your favorite book.</p>	<p>9 Pretend you're on the Polar Express. Draw a picture of something you would see from your window.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Read <i>There's a Nightmare in my Closet</i> in honor of Mercer Mayer's birthday</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Look at the paper today. How many times can you find the word SALE?</p>	<p>12 Start some new family traditions. Read some books about holiday celebrations from around the world.</p>	<p>13 Read <i>The Polar Express</i> then watch the movie. Did you notice any differences?</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Make a puzzle picture frame for a Christmas present.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Charles Duryea's Birthday</p> <p>Who was he and why is he important to us?</p>	<p>16 <i>Posadas</i></p> <p>begin tonight. Do you know what a posada is?</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Make apple & cinnamon ornaments to decorate a tree.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Read the comic section of today's newspaper. Draw and write your own holiday comic strip.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Visit a local nursing home and volunteer to read to some of the residents.</p>	<p>20 Make paper snowflakes and write the titles of your favorite books on them. Decorate your room with them.</p>	<p>21 1st crossword puzzle published, 1913. Can you make a crossword puzzle using your favorite book characters?</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Read <i>Mirandy and Brother Wind</i> in honor of Jerry Pinckney's birthday.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Read <i>Mortimer's Christmas Manger</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>Write your own version of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Hanukkah begins at sundown</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Kwanzaa begins</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Read for 2005 seconds today. Write in your journal about what you read today</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Have a family game night. Serve hot chocolate and cookies for a snack.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Read for 29 minutes today and in your journal write about what you read.</p>	<p>30 New Year's Resolution: I will read 15 books during 2006. Make a list of the books you will read.</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p> <p>Write a story that takes place on New Year's Eve.</p>

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